Electrification of railway track

837. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of target fixed for electrification of railway track during the Seventh Five Year Plan period; and

(b) what are the likely achievement of these targets during Seventh Five Year Plan period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) 3400 route kolometres.

(b) 3150 route kilometres are expected to be energised in the Seventh Plan due to reduced Plan allocations.

Helicopter services to important cities of Uttar Pradesh

838. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce helicopter services to important cities of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, by when these services are likely to be introduced ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Vacant posts in Northern, Western and North-Eastern Zones of Railways

839. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of posts lying vacant in Northern, Western & North-Eastern Zones of Railways, category-wise, as on December 31st, 1988; and

(b) by when these posts are likely to be filled up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Condition of national highways in U.P. and Bihar

840. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the condition of national highways in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar is satisfactory;

(b) whether any study has been conducted in this regard; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government intend to take in the light of findings of this study?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) National Highways in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar are generally in traffic worthy condition except a few short stretches in North Bihar which were severely damaged due to unprecedented rains/floods in the year 1987. Restoration works on these stretches are in progress.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Departments/Centres of Studies and Faculties in Aligarh Muslim University

841. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Departments/Centres of studies and